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<p><b>CERTIFICATE OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION</b></p> <p>I hereby certify that this paper is being facsimile transmitted to the United States Patent and Trademark Office, Alexandria, Virginia on the date below.</p> <p><u>Todd A. Rathe</u> (Printed Name)</p> <p>_____ (Signature)</p> <p>_____ (Date of Deposit)</p>
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**DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.131**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

I, Samuel A. Massey, state and declare that:

1. I am the inventor of claims 1-9, 11-38, 40-46 and 50-55 currently pending in U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/798,509, filed on March 11, 2004 and entitled "PRINTER STRUCTURE."
2. I understand that in an office action dated August 22, 2008, each of claims 1-6 and 12-14 were rejected as being unpatentable based at least in part upon US Patent 6,986,574 to Nojima et al. (Nojima).
3. I understand, based on the information provided on the front page of Nojima, that Nojima was filed as an application in the United States on January 23, 2004.
4. Prior to January 23, 2004, I conceived in the United States the invention described in claims 1-6 and 12-14 of the above-referenced application as evidenced by the attached Exhibit A.
5. The invention described in claims 1-6 and 12-14 of the above-referenced application was diligently reduced to practice as evidenced by the filing of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/798,509 on March 11, 2004, slightly more than three months following the January 23, 2004 filing date of Nojima.

6. Exhibit A is a redacted copy an e-mail and attachment "max0002.pdf" (identified in the e-mail) that I received prior to January 23, 2004. The attachment max0002.pdf comprises the patent drawings that are included as part of Exhibit A. The patent drawings illustrate the invention of claims 1 -6 and 12-14 and were prepared based upon my instructions. The drawings of attachment max0002.pdf were part of an earlier draft of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/798,509.

7. Figures 1-5 illustrate each of the limitations of claims 1-6 and 12-14 including:

a printer comprising:

a printhead (62) along a media path (136) having a first width;

a structure (162) having an edge (164) extending across a majority of the first width of the media path (136) wherein the edge (164) of the structure (162) has a first continuous segment (180) extending along a first portion of the first width of the media path and a second continuous segment (182) spaced from the first continuous segment extending along a second portion of the first width of the media path; and

an ink recipient (160) extending across the media path.

8. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true, and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Date: Nov 17, 2008

By:   
Samuel A. Massey

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**Subject:** FW: HP Ref. No. 200312726-1 (84061-541) First Draft of Application entitled MEDIA LAUNCHING STRUCTURE

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Dear Samuel,  
Enclosed is a first draft of the above-referenced application. In addition, I have enclosed a set of drawings and a letter of instruction. Please review all documents and let me have your comments.

Best regards,



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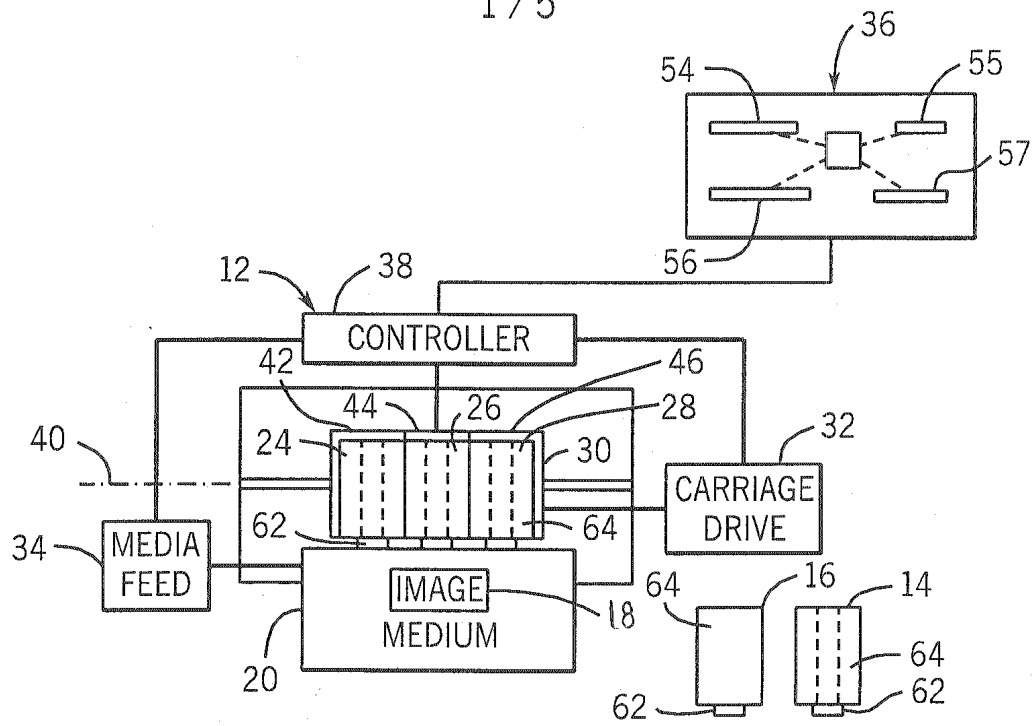


FIG. 1

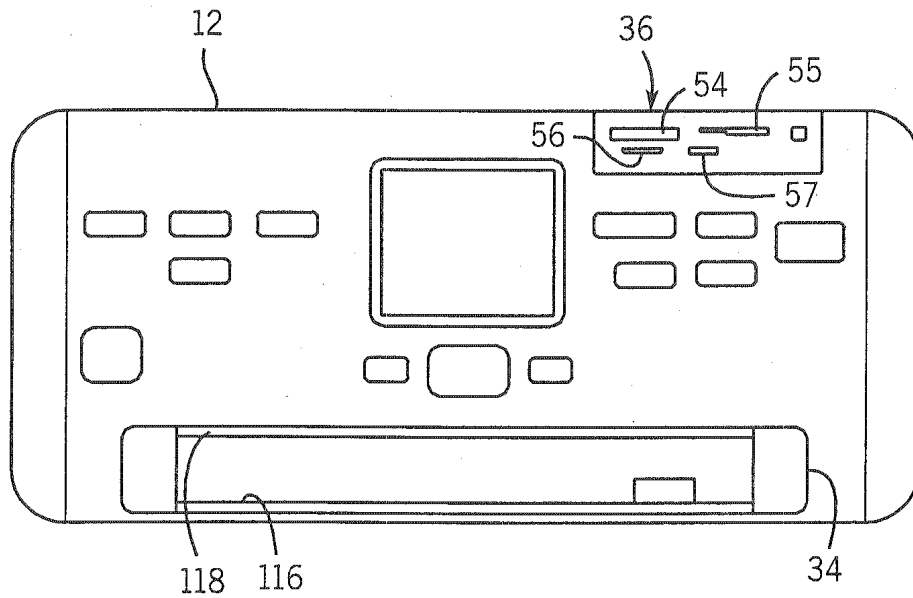


FIG. 2

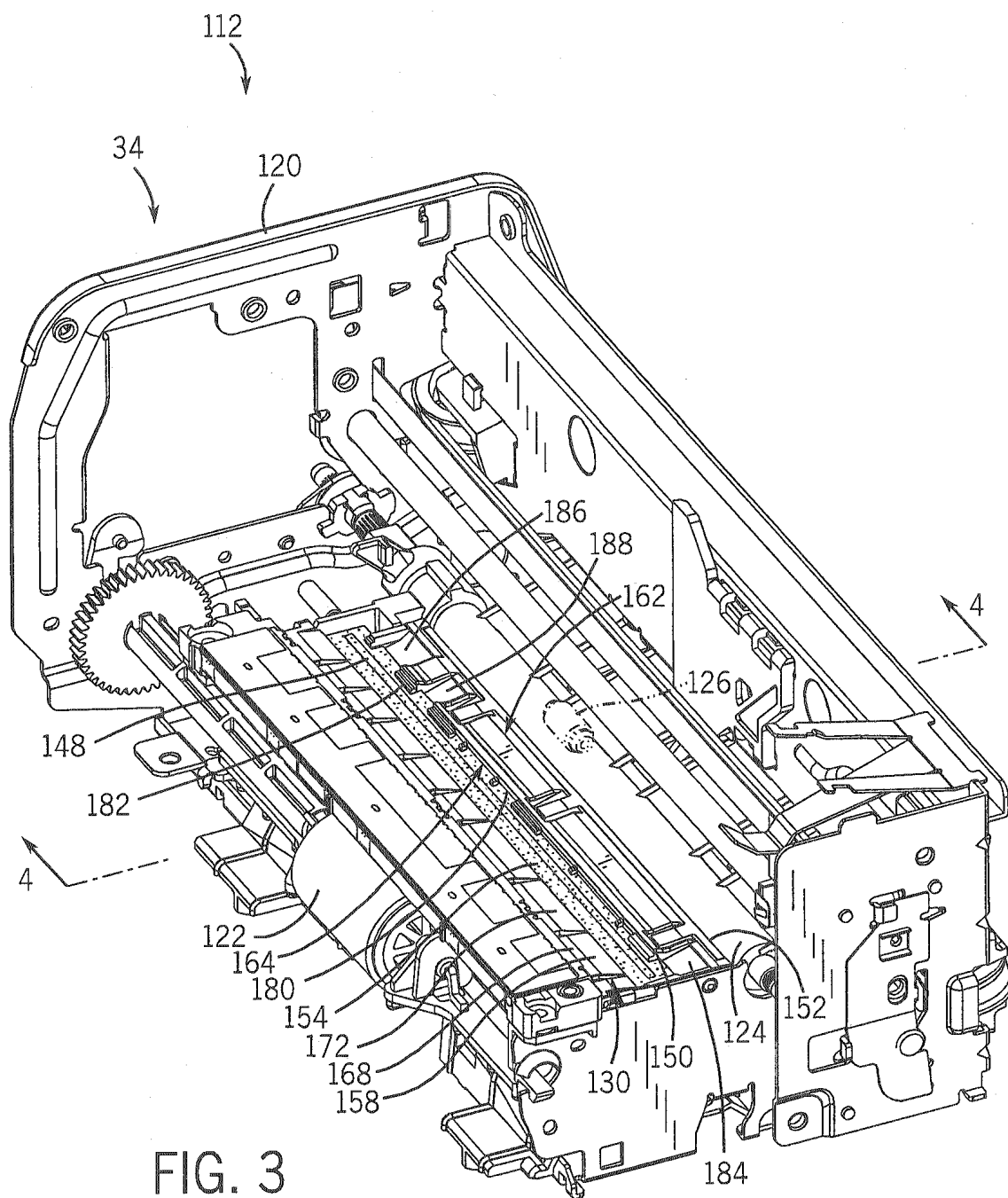


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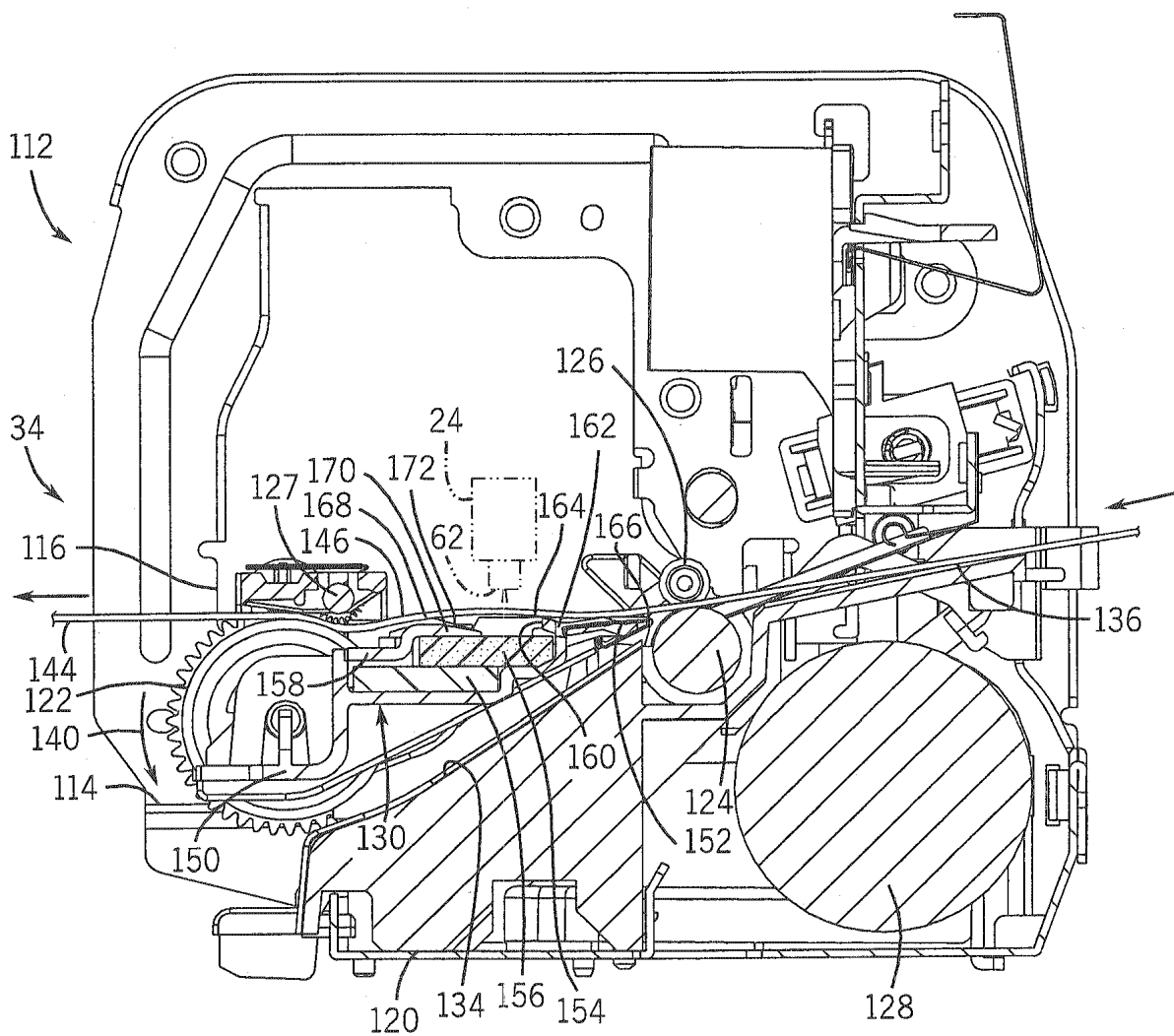
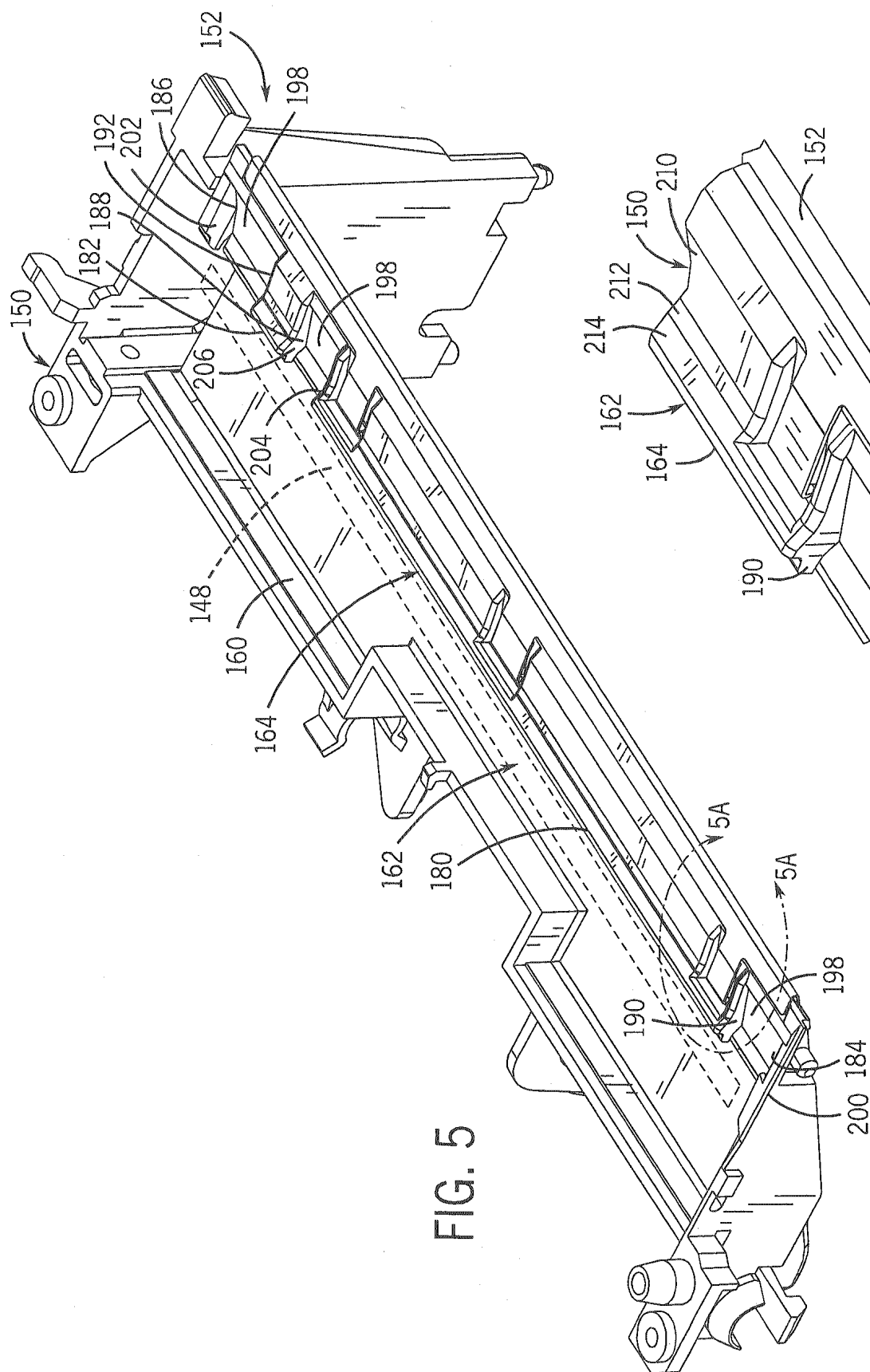


FIG. 4





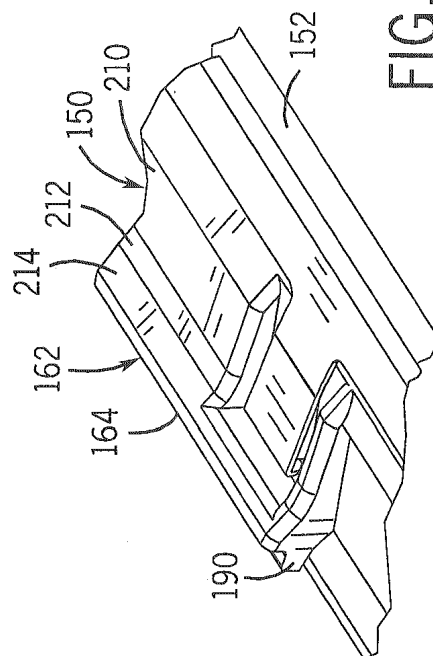


FIG. 5A

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FIG. 6

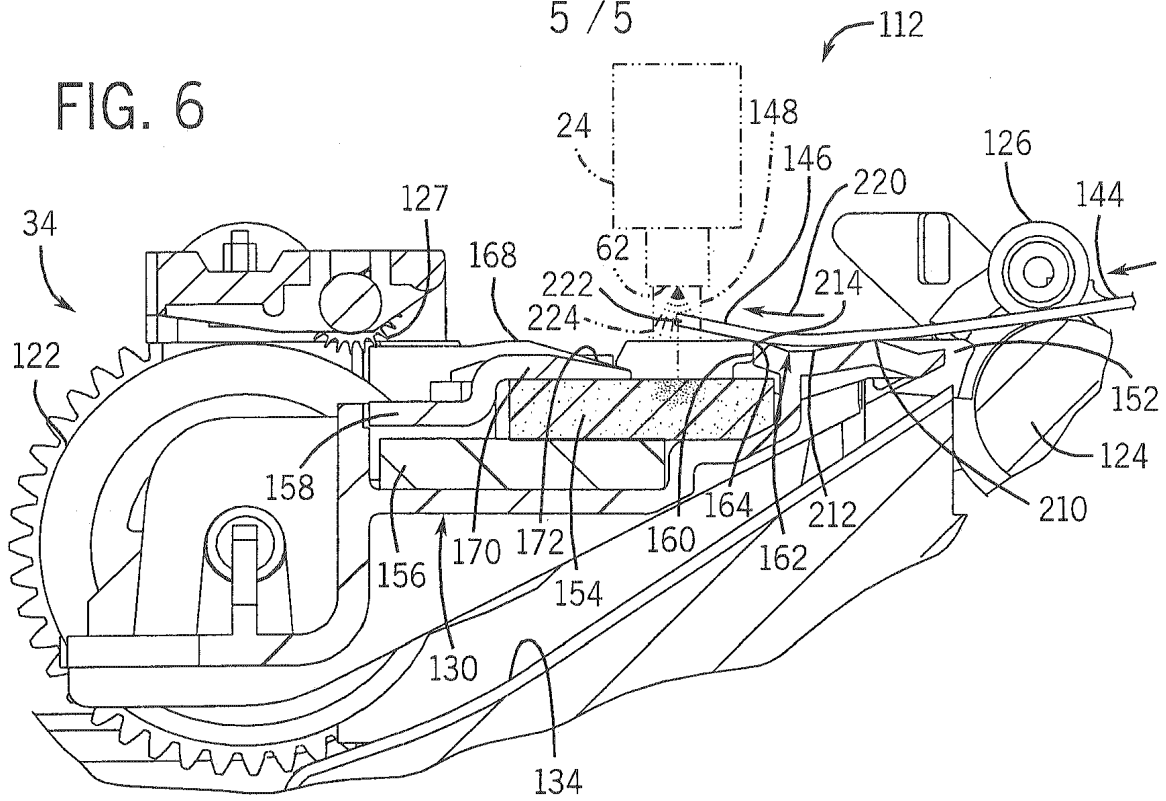


FIG. 7

